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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: And if that's...if that's incorrect, Senator, I hope somebody advises me, but I believe that's correct.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yeah, I was amazed, and I guess I haven't kept that close to what's going on, but I was amazed at the number of people we pay for being in various jails, and none of them had been convicted of a felony. But maybe you're correct. And you're only talking about last year, is that correct? You're only talking about 1997, is that correct? What period does this cover?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's calendar year 1997.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. Well,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: And, Senator, I've been advised that I was incorrect. It is the county that houses the jail that gets the...or houses the prisoner that gets the reimbursement. Presumably, that would affect the reimbursement rate that they would charge to the other county, but...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, that was the point that I wanted to get to. In other words, obviously, if you're keeping them there, and you are paying for them, and the other county gets the reimbursement, there should be a reduction in the amount that they would charge the county.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, yes, and I'm sorry I advised you incorrectly about that.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I guess, my point in bringing this whole issue up, in fact if you're paying them, it seems to me that if there was a way to determine whether your county is being charged, that they ought to be reimbursed to the county, because you're actually the one they're obligated to pay that bill. And you would hope, obviously, that the county that would receive...that had the prisoner would then be willing to reduce the costs that you would be incurred for keeping that prisoner. And I don't know how that works, I'm just trying to figure my way through the issue.